

GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE #37

TITLE: Black Elk Wilderness Preparedness / Fire Suppression /Evacuation Plan Procedure

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INTENT: Procedures for implementing the Black Elk Preparedness Plan

PROCEDURE:

It is the responsibility of GPC dispatchers to read and understand the Black Elk Preparedness Plan located in the bookcase.

GPC's Role

When a report of a wildland fire comes to GPC in the Black Elk Wilderness or Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, GPC will notify the appropriate Duty Officer(s) and County Dispatch Center(s) (as per the Black Elk Run Card). The floor operations (FLOPS) may direct dispatchers to notify other duty officers, as necessary.

If the fire has potential, the South Zone Duty Officer will implement the Black Elk Preparedness Plan. GPC will make the following notifications: SD State Duty Officer, NPS Duty Officer, BKF Forest Duty Officer, and Mt. Rushmore Dispatch as per stage 1 of the Black Elk Preparedness Plan.

Evacuations

In the event that there is a need for evacuations, and the EOC (emergency operation center) Liaison is not in place, the IC will notify GPC. GPC will then call the appropriate county dispatch center and/or SD State radio and request law enforcement to help with evacuations.

All communication between the EOC and the ICP will be coordinated via GPC until the time when the EOC liaison is in place. The IC will let GPC know when the liaison is in place.

GPC Support to Incident

The IC or designee will place fire related resource requests with GPC. GPC will fill said resource requests with the closest forces, following proper dispatch ordering chain.

Procedures for fire suppression in Black Elk Wilderness.

1. Motorized use is prohibited without approval in the Black Elk Wilderness; motors include chainsaws, helicopters, pumps, and ATVs. The use of fire retardant for fire suppression is also prohibited; see the exception below.
2. Forest Supervisor, Acting Forest Supervisor, Deputy Forest Supervisor, can make an "Exception for Use of Motorized Vehicles/Equipment in Black Elk Wilderness." (phone numbers in the tarifold under "BKF").
3. The responsibility of initiating the "Exception" request rests with the Hell Canyon District Ranger, Acting District Ranger, IC (Incident Commander), DO (Duty Officer), or the DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
4. Initiating a Request for an "Exception" is not the responsibility of Dispatch; however, Dispatch can make the suggestion and once initiated, the "Exception" request may come thru Dispatch to expedite.
5. Heavy equipment traveling off paved roads in the Mount Rushmore memorial park will need park superintendents approval prior to use.

Motorized/Mechanical Request	Authorization for Non-Emergencies	Authorization for Fire and Other Emergencies
Chainsaws, Pumps	Regional Forester	Forest Supervisor
Helicopters-Fixed Wing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retardant Delivery• Bucket Work• Personnel Shuttle	Regional Forester	Forest Supervisor
Transport & supply by aircraft, air drop & mechanical transport	Regional Forester (2326.1)	Forest Supervisor
Helispot Construction	Regional Forester	Forest Supervisor
Motor Vehicle	Regional Forester	Forest Supervisor
Tractors (Heavy Equipment)	Regional Forester	Regional Forester
Management Ignited Fire in Wilderness	Regional Forester	N/A
Managed for resource benefit objectives in Wilderness	N/A	District Ranger (where objective is established)
Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) projects in Wilderness	Regional Forester (2323.04c.11)	Forest Supervisor